



# Transferring Magnetic Storage Media Off-Site

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- **DOE CIO has imposed embargo on transferring magnetic storage media offsite.**
  - **Applies to all labs (NNSA and Office of Science)**
  - **Resulted from a problem at one of the NNSA labs with incomplete degaussing**
  - **Until further notice, no storage media can be sent offsite**
- **Article and CIO memo in Fermi today:**  
[http://www.fnal.gov/pub/today/archive\\_2006/today06-10-18.html](http://www.fnal.gov/pub/today/archive_2006/today06-10-18.html)

# What this means

- **No storage media can be sent offsite for any purpose, including:**
  - **Warranty repair exchange**
  - **Charitable programs**
  - **Disposal (including destruction)**
  - **Note this means no system can be sent offsite if it contains storage media**

# What this means

- **Storage Media can be transferred:**
  - **If it was part of an evaluation system owned by someone else (observe sanitization procedures)**
  - **To other DOE labs (not to universities, not to CERN or other non-DOE labs)**
- **Note that systems can be sent offsite if the storage media is removed and stays at FNAL.**

# When Will it End?

- **There is a verbal agreement with CIO to allow non-classified labs to lift embargo.**
- **Not clear when official permission will come.**